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Annotations

4. Programme questions

(a) Programme planning

(i) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (continued)

It should be recalled that at its thirty-eighth session, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (A/53/122 and Add.1). The Committee noted that it was indicated in paragraph 62 of the report that 57 outputs carried over from the biennium 1994–1995 had been further postponed to the biennium 1998–1999. The Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that it consider the issue in the context of its consideration of the programme performance report at its fifty-third session, based on information to be provided by the Secretariat, including information on reasons for the postponement and the opinion of relevant intergovernmental bodies on the Secretariat's proposal for the deletion.

In section V, paragraph 19, of its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide information on the reasons for the further postponement of the delivery of outputs to the biennium 1998–1999 and the opinion of relevant intergovernmental bodies on the proposal by the Secretary-General to delete 57 outputs carried over from the biennium 1994–1995, for consideration at its current session.

At its resumed fifty-third session, the Fifth Committee considered a note by the Secretariat on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (A/C.5/53/CRP.1/Rev.1), which contained information on the reasons for the

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further postponement of the delivery of outputs to the biennium 1998–1999 and the opinion of relevant intergovernmental bodies on the proposal by the Secretary-General to delete 57 outputs carried over from the biennium 1994–1995.

On the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, the General Assembly adopted decision 53/469 of 7 April 1999, whereby it decided to transmit the note by the Secretariat on the subject to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for consideration at its thirty-ninth session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997 (E/AC.51/1999/7)